

5 Broadside
Cambridge
16 Dec. 1880

Dear Dr. Gray,

I think that there is no one
for you to come here to see the
working of our ~~labor~~ laboratories, as
nearly if not quite all work's
at a stand, and will be so for
some weeks to come. Regular
and full work will not begin again
until the end of next month; as old
custom always leaves January free
for our great Mathematical
examination — and Degree Day
will this year be Jan. 29.

The men are all away, except

The going to that examination,
and Tutors and Lecturers
take advantage of their absence
to take a holiday.

I do not know how long you
remain in England, but you
see that January is a bad
month for this place. For this
last fortnight of 1880, we
shall also be fully engaged
with making up, and having
audited, the accounts of several
matters in which Mr. Webster
or I are much interested.

After the 1st week of Jan.
I believe that we shall be
quite free and may probably
recount you and Mr. Gray.

I am very much pleased
with your new book. I hope that
the Flora of N. America is
advancing.

With our best Compliments
to Mr. Gray, believe me to be
sincerely yours

Charles C. Houghton
Your letter arrived this morning.